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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Thomas A. Dillon, Independent Fiduciary Of Employers Mutual Plans

#### **Plaintiffs**

VS.

James Lee Graf; William R. Kokott; Nicholas E. Angelos; Kari Hanson; Agent Coalition of America, Inc.; Associated Agents of America, Inc.; Michael F. DeBello: Nathan Foreman; American Benefit Society, Inc.; Christopher S. Ashiotes; Sierra Administration Marketing, Inc.; Reggie Caillouet dba Reggie Caillouet Brokerage; AAA Insurance Services; ADR Insurance Services, Inc.; Advanced Marketing; Affordable Insurance Options; AFM Insurance Group; Humayun Bashir Afzal; Timothy Alder; Michael Alexander; All Florida Insurance Services, Inc.; Alliance for Affordable Health; John Amann; American Coalition of Consumers, L.L.C.; Thomas Armstrong; John Kadlec Arnold; R. A. Ashworth; Association Benefits Solution, Inc.; AXA Advisors, LLC; Julie Baker; Karen Barber; Daniel Barnett; Barnhart & Associates: Willard Gene Barnhart; James Barnhill; Shirley Barton; Gary Allen Bastie; Harold Jose Batista; Frederick Bauer; John Been; Benson, Young, and Downs Ins. Inc.; Ivan Bentauin; Bart Berretta; Steven Blackford; Dirk Blankenship; Stephen Blust; Peter Bogutzki; Richard Bokofsky; Jan Booth-

#### CV-N-03-0119-HDM-VPC

#### **RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT FOR:**

- 1. CIVIL RICO;
- 2. RICO CONSPIRACY;
- 3. FRAUD;
- 4. BREACH OF CONTRACT TO PROCURE VALID INSURANCE;
- 5. INSURANCE PRODUCER MALPRACTICE;
- 6. BREACH OF WARRANTY OF AUTHORITY

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Smith; Richard Brantley; William Brewer; Steven Brown; Brown-Gainer & Associates; Brown-Gainer, Inc.; Bruce W. Fletcher Co., Inc.; Carrie Bryant; Dennis Burden; Burkett & Asso. Ins. & Fin. Svs. Inc.; James Burkett; Debra Burton; E. Bruce Bushong; Gae Callaway: Capital Financial Group, Inc.; Caputo Insurance Agency, Inc.; Richard Caputo; Robert Carlin; Steven Carlson; Todd Carmack; Donald Carroll; CBS Ins And Plan Services; Kevin Cerulli; Donald Chapman; Chesney Insurance Agency; Larry Chesney; Antone Chomenko; Leonard Cifrese; Anneliese Clark; Dean Clark; Brian Clothier; Russell Coats; Colella Financial Services, Inc.; James Colella; Thomas Coleman; Complete Financial Service; Jeffrey Conley; Patrice Connolly; Robert Corallo; Connie Countie; Elda Cox; Kurt C. Cradic; Dion R. Cruz; CCS Inc.; Customer Service Solutions, Inc.; Brandy Cumming; James Darby; Earl Grant Darbyson; David E. Silva Insurance Agency, Inc.; William Davidson; Jean F. Davis; Kelly Davis; Mark Davis; Samuel Day; Joseph Debrell; Tammi Desideri; Maria Diaz; Joseph Dibrell; Kenneth Dinklage; Charles DiPrimio; Anthony DiRienzo; Wilford Dogan; James Doyle; David Dudics: Julian Dwver: Earl J. Venable & Associates: Kent Edwards: James Ehrhart; Hector Elizondo, Jr.; John Elmore; John Emerick; Employee Benefit Service; Moses Enwerekowe; Fredrick Epperson; Escambia Insurance; Estates Solutions, Inc. dba: Benefit & Estates Solutions: Eddie Ette: Brent Euler; Executive & Employee Benefits, Inc.; Express Florida Health and Life Ins; F.A.I.A. Service Corp; Vito Falco; Michael Farley; Thomas Felaki; John Feliciano; Roy Fenner; Robert Fenton; Five Star Marketing; Five Star Marketing Group; John Flanagan; Linda Fleetwood; Fleetwood-Franz 'Ee Benefits, Inc.; Kenneth Fleming II; Bruce Fletcher; Gale Follett; For Your Benefits, Inc.; Harnid

Foroudi; Charles Francis; Larry Fussell; Gaetani Associates; Frances Gaetani; Michael Gainer: Ronald Garner: Paula Garst; J. Christopher Gauss; Robert Gill; Leslie Glazier; GMI Financial Group, Inc.; Richard Goodman; Susan Gordon; Elizabeth Gore; Lillian Gore; Richard Gorfido; Nancy Graham; James R. Grant; Gary Gravely; Darlene Graves; Mark (Breck) Greene; Joann Gulledge; David Haas; Haas Insurance Service; Andy Haase: Michael Hall; Robert E. Hall; Halsey Insurance Agency; Lee Hampton; Hancor Insurance Agency; George Hannigan; Roy Hanson; Cyd Hargrove; R. J. Hasselmier; Health Plans of Texas; John Helvie; Kathryn Hendrix; Gerald Higgins; Thomas E. Higgins; Hilcher Ins. & Financial Services; C. Wayne Hilcher, LUTCF; David Hines; Roger F. Holt, Jr.; James Hopgood; Richard Horch; Horizon Insurance Associates, Inc.; Edward Hubbard: Hubbard Insurance; Hudson Eldridge Insurance Agency; David Scott Hughes; Wesley James Hunt; Robert Hurt; J.C. Brokerage, Inc. dba Insurance Center; Gerald Ide; Jenny Ide; Insurance Concepts of Texas; Insurance Marketing Group of Florida, Inc.; InsurCare, Inc.; InsurCare, Inc.; Anthony Focono; Donna Iverson; J. Christopher Gauss, Inc.; Donald Jacoby; JFM Insurance Inc.; John Johnson; Michael Johnson; Brian Jones; Levern Jordan; Keith Jordano; John Kaiser; Eric Kantor; Bruce Kashick; Mal Kelly; Kettler & Associates, Inc.; Fredrick Kettler; Edgar Kieschnick; Cecil Knight; Michael Kolacz; Robert Kotman; Richard Kozar; Hilbert Kritch; James Kruckemeyer; Richard Kwong; Sally Lane; James Lang; Paul Laroussini; Mitch Laughton; Dennis Law; John LeFavour; June Lempke; Gal Lev-Lehman; Walter Lightfoot; James Lilly; Harvey Litvin; William Michael Lovell; Stephen Lukacs; Michelle Magidson; Fredrick Magiera; Mainstream Insurance; Gary Maxie; Brian McAllister; Andrew McCoy; Bruce

McKinney: David McNamara; McNulty Barber Consulting; Vence Meneely; Gary Miano; Robert John Middleton; Midwest Marketing Insurance Agency; Mike Williams Ins. Ltd.; Mark Miller; Mills Cumming & Assoc, Inc.; Jeffrey Milrad; Lawrence montgomery; Robert Morgan; Wavne Morris: Wavne Morriss; Robert Mullinax; William Murphy; Harrison Myers; Nassau Bay Agency, Inc.; Nationwide Insurance; Michael Newby; Donald Alan Nicholson; Ernest Norman; Norwell and Norwell: Rhonda O'Banion; Gary Oliver; Olympic Mountain Agency; Gerald Owens; Page Inc.; Kay Page; Matthew Palmer; Edward Parodi; William H. Patterson; Toni Paxton; D. Jean Payne; Sherri Perri; David William Perry; Petra Insurance Agency, Inc.; William Phillips; Steven Pickett; Marc Pieroni; Fredrick (Rick) Pike; Pike Insurance Agency, Inc.; Susan Pine; Brent Pinkerton; Raymond Pinto; David Eli Polovina; Michael Porter; Cameron Pouncey; Preferred Care, Inc.; Premier Marketing Group; Stanley Putman; Quik Quote Insurance Brokers, Inc.; R.B. Insur., Assoc., Inc.; Arif Rahim; Lawrence Ramers; Ray Wall & Associates, Inc.; Mark Reaves; Robert J. Reid; Reliable Insurance; Thomas Reynolds; Rick Horch Annuities And Ins.; Albert Riehl; Michael Roberts; Rocky Financial Services/aka: Ace Financial Services; Nathan Rogers; Sheila Rooney; Scott Rose; Kenneth Rosicka; RTI Insurance Services of FL. Inc.: Jesse Rubio: Bobby Rundle; Barry Rusche; Scott Rutherford; Ryko Corp, Inc.; Steven Sacks; SafeComp; Catherine Sams; Susan Schilling; Craig Schoen; Dennis Schrecker; Robert Schwab; Selwin Schwartz; S. Lewis Shafik; Edward (Brack) Shaver; Fredrick Shealy; Sheila W. Rooney Agency; Howard Siegel; David E. Silva; Clyde Sinyard; Don R. Smith; John Snape; Audrey Snow; Gerald Solomon; Dennis Stanhoff; Starling & Associates, L.L.C.; William F. Starling; Stetson-Beemer, Ins.;

Donna Stilwell-Kronick; Stockman's Insurance; Robert Stone; Penelope Stump; Sullivan & Associates, Inc.; John Sullivan; Timothy Sullivan; Summit Group Benefits. Inc.; james Swafford; Porter Talbot; Richard Tani; Nicholas Taromina; Texas Ins. And Financial Svcs., Inc.; The Blackford Group; The Darbyson Group; The Insurance Center; The Laughton Company; Scott Thiltgen; Thompson Associates, Inc.; James Thompson; Kyle Thompson; Terence Thoruton; Tobin Ins. Agency, Inc.; James Tobin: Stewart Turnage; James Tuten; Ronald Unfried; Deborah Usher; USI Insurance Services Corp.; Sebastian Valera; Vantage Insurance Agency of NV; Earl Venable: Roy Vicencio; Voluntary Benefit Specialists; Gene Wadell; Wadell Insurance Group; Raymond Wall; Gary Ward; John Wathern; Richard Waugaman; Brian Weaver; Eric Westall; Harry Wilk, III; Bernard Williams; George Michael Williams; Karel Anne Williamson; WIN; Windsor Benefit Consultants, Inc.; Wolfco, Inc.; Carmen Wolfe; Worldwide Ins. Group, Inc.; Worldwide Insurance Services, Inc.; john Wuthnow; Angie Yanda; Leon Yannaroudis; Adrian Zandirolarrli;

#### Defendants.

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Now comes Defendant, James Lee Graf, in response to the complaint filed by Plaintiffs, Thomas A. Dillon, and answers as follows:

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#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

- In answer to paragraph 1 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief, this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies any allegations of fraud.
- In answer to paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief, this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specially denies creating plans for employers or creating a façade to steal or embezzle, if any and further denies any and all involvement pertaining to RICO statute.
- 3. In answer to paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief, this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. The answering Defendant specially denies any fraud or false representation pertaining to premiums paid by plan participants, if any.
- 4. In answer to paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 5. In answer to paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 6. In answer to paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.

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#### **PARTIES**

#### A. Plaintiffs

7. In answer to paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs complaint, this answering

Defendant admits the appointed Thomas A. Dillon as the independent
fiduciary of Employers Mutual. Based on the lack of information and
belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations in this
paragraph.

#### B. <u>Defendants</u>

- i. The RICO Defendants
- 8. In answer to paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs complaint, this answering

  Defendant, James Lee Graf, is a resident of California. Based on the
  lack of information and belief, this answering Defendant specifically
  denies all allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant
  specifically denies at any time being a board member, director, office,
  owner, or employee of Employers Mutual or any other alleged entity

therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies stealing premiums paid by participants to Employers Mutual and any individual advantage or gain associated with such, if any. At no time ever were the 16 Nevada associations formed, incorporated, or operated, or adversely dominated by this answering Defendant. This answering Defendant specifically denies any wrong doing, or any and all allegations pertaining to looting of assets, if any.

- 9. In answer to paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief, this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies forming 16 Nevada associations. This answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations pertaining to shells and shams of Employers Mutual and the 16 Nevada Associations, if any.
- 10. In answer to paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 11. In answer to paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 12. In answer to paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- ii. The Negligent Defendant Wholesale Insurance Producers

- 13. In answer to paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 14. In answer to paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 15. In answer to paragraph 15 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 16. In answer to paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 17. In answer to paragraph 17 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 18. In answer to paragraph 18 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 19. In answer to paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.

#### iii. The Negligent Defendant Retail Insurance Producers

20. In answer to paragraph 20 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant, specifically denies

allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant as an independent consultant to Employers Mutual, admits Sierra

Administration was hired by Employers Mutual to provide third party administration services.

- 21. In answer to paragraph 21 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 22. In answer to paragraph 22 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 23. In answer to paragraph 23 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 24. In answer to paragraph 24 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.

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#### AGENCY AND INFORMATION ALLEGATIONS

25. In answer to paragraph 25 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies any act with others in concert, participation, or collaboration to authorize or ratify alleged acts of others and any intent to do so, if any.

- 26. In answer to paragraph 26 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 27. In answer to paragraph 27 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies allegations of intent or acts to create a façade of false representations. This answering Defendant specifically denies tampering or deleting any and all critical data from Employers Mutual including premiums and claims data.

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#### **GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### A. The Scheme of the RICO Enterprise

- 28. In answer to paragraph 28 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant denies any involvement as a principal organizer and is not subject to any RICO enterprise, if any.
- 29. In answer to paragraph 29 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations of any alter egos, if any. This answering Defendant specifically denies any creation of a RICO enterprise, if any

- and no intent was made to sell fraudulent health insurance or steal premiums, if any.
- 30. In answer to paragraph 30 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant alleges at no times was there any intent to provide a façade for any illegal activities, if any.
- 31. In answer to paragraph 31 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 32. In answer to paragraph 32 of Plaintiffs complaint, Answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 33. In answer to paragraph 33 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 34. In answer to paragraph 34 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 35. In answer to paragraph 35 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 36. In answer to paragraph 36 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.

- 37. In answer to paragraph 37 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant acnowledges a relationship existed between Richard Wiest, Employers Mutual and Golden Rule Insurance Company.
- 38. In answer to paragraph 38 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 39. In answer to paragraph 39 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 40. In answer to paragraph 40 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant acknowledges Employers Mutual notifying Associated Agents of America of its termination with Golden Rule made an announcement.
- 41. In answer to paragraph 41 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 42. In answer to paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.

- 43. In answer to paragraph 43 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 44. In answer to paragraph 44 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 45. In answer to paragraph 45 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 46. In answer to paragraph 46 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 47. In answer to paragraph 47 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 48. In answer to paragraph 48 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 49. In answer to paragraph 49 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant is aware that Employers Mutual terminated its relationship with Sierra Administration, the third party administrator.

- 50. In answer to paragraph 50 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. At no time did answering Defendant steal any premiums nor any misrepresentations have been made, if any.
- 51. In answer to paragraph 51 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - a. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
     Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - b. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - c. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - d. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - e. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering

    Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 52. In answer to paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein. This answering Defendant specifically denies allegations of neither a scheme nor any overt acts, if any.

## B. The Predicate Acts of the RICO Defendants in Furtherance of the Ongoing Scheme

- 53. In answer to paragraph 53 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. Answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations of neither a scheme nor overt acts, if any.
  - a. Based on the lack of information and belief, this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - b. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein. This Answering Defendant specifically denies ever mailing or making multiple false statements or misrepresentations to insurance producers.
  - Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
  - d. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
     Answering Defendant specifically denies any pattern or involvement pertaining to racketeering or deception.
  - e. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering

    Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - f. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein and there was no scheme to divert such monies.

## C. The Negligent Acts and Omissions of the Defendant Insurance Producers

- 54. In answer to paragraph 54 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- 55. In answer to paragraph 55 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - a. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
  - b. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
     Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
    - (I) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering

      Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
    - (ii) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering

      Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
    - (iii) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
    - Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
    - (iv) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
    - Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
    - (v) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
    - Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
    - (vi) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering

      Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.

- (vii) Based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies allegations contained therein.
- c. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
   Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- d. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
   Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- e. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering

  Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- f. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
   Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- g. Based on the lack of information and belief this answering
   Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
   Answering Defendant specifically denies
- 56. In answer to paragraph 56 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.
- 57. In answer to paragraph 57 of Plaintiffs complaint, based on the lack of information and belief this answering Defendant specifically denies all allegations contained therein.

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## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)

#### Civil RICO Against the RICO Defendants

58. In reference to paragraphs 58 thru 66 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

18 U.S.C. §1962(d)

#### Conspiracy to Commit Civil RICO Against the RICO Defendants

59. In reference to paragraphs 67 thru 70 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### Fraud Against the RICO Defendants

60. In reference to paragraphs 71 thru 73 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

## Breach of Contract to Procure Valid Insurance Against the Defendant Wholesale and Retail Insurance Producers

61. In reference to paragraphs 74 thru 79 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Professional Malpractice Against the Defendant

Wholesale Insurance Producers and Retail Insurance Producers

62. In reference to paragraphs 80 thru 83 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# A Breach of Warranty of Authority Against RICO Defendants, Defendants Wholesale Insurance Producers and Defendant Retail Insurance Producers

63. In reference to paragraphs 84 thru 87 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

#### **First Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiffs have failed to state a cause of action against this answering Defendant.

#### **Second Affirmative Defense**

Latches – Prejudicial delay in filing said action, which has caused harm to this answering Defendant.

#### **Third Affirmative Defense**

Contributory Negligence. Plaintiffs have caused all or a significant part of the damages alleged, if any, for which this answering Defendant might be responsible.

DATED this day of July, 2003

JAMES L. GRAF

62. In reference to paragraphs 80 thru 83 this answering Defendant specifically denies each and every allegation therein.

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#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## A Breach of Warranty of Authority Against RICO Defendants, Defendants Wholesale Insurance Producers and Defendant Retail Insurance

#### **Producers**

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DATED this day of July, 2003

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this the 8th day of July 2003, I caused true and correct copy of the foregoing: DEFENDANT (JAMES LEE GRAF) RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT by placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope and sent by first class U.S. mail postage paid as follows:

Robert L. Brace Hollister & Brace 2226 Santa Barbra street Post Office Box 630 Santa Barbra, CA 93102

Richard W. Horton Lionel, Sawyer & Collins Suite 1100 Bank of America Plaza 50 West Liberty Street Reno, NV 89501

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